

HOLY CROSS & ST. JOHN'S PARISHES, SOUTH PORTLAND, ME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday March 11
HC 4:00PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners
SJ 5:30PM Patrick Hayes by Bob Hewlett

Sunday March 12
HC 7:30AM Grace S. Ridge Elliot by daughter Pat Pacillo
SJ 9:00AM Mark Russell by Family
HC 10:30AM Deceased members of the Mahoney family
 By Henry Mahoney

Monday March 13
SJ 12:00Noon Mary Powell by Laura & David Stevens

Tuesday March 14
HC 7:30AM Lenore Higgins by Husband John

Wednesday March 15
HC 7:30AM Communion Service
SJ 12:00Noon Communion Service

Thursday March 16
SJ 12:00 Noon Michael Downing by Family

Friday March 17
HC 7:30AM Bob Ansheles by Jini Ansheles

Saturday March 18
HC 4:00PM Katherine Welch by Paul & Theresa Murphy
SJ 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday March 19
HC 7:30AM Edward A. Fernald by Mary & Don Kane
SJ 9:00AM Donna Mucci by the Women's Council (SJ)
HC 10:30AM Domenic Maietta by Cheverusx Council of Holy Cross.

DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS



A devotional light is burning this week at **Holy Cross** in loving memory of:

Dorothy Maroon
 Requested by Family
 And

A devotional light is burning this week at **St. John's** in loving memory of:

My brothers; Eugene, George & Bill
 Requested by Jeannie Jackson

BISHOP MALONE AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Bishop Malone will visit Holy Cross School on **Tuesday, March 21st**. He will celebrate

Mass with Fr. Mike and our community at **9:15AM** at Holy Cross Church. All the South Portland Catholic Community is invited to attend this celebration. Your presence will make this event even more special. Please plan to attend.



HOLY CROSS

Weekly Goal	\$7,100.00
Total Collection for W/E 3-05-06	\$5,986.45
Ash Wed. \$1,019.18 Native Amer.	\$ 987.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

Monthly Building Fund Envelope: (H.C.)

In addition to pledge payments we are still receiving, the monthly Building Fund collection on the second Sunday of the month that is used to pay the outstanding balance of the loan for the recent Church renovations. The current monthly loan payment is \$4,394.56. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Holy Cross Finance Council

ST. JOHN'S

Weekly Goal	\$3800.00
Total Collection for W/E 3-05-06	\$4,342.00
Ash Wed. \$641.51 Native Amer.	\$ 519.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday March 13
 12:00Noon Bridge - **SJ Center-Dble Rm.**
 6:30-8:00PM Echoes - -**Center**
 6:30-9:00PM Pastoral Council- **Dble Rm.**

Tuesday March 14
 12:00-1:30 Co-Ed Bible Grp- **Sm.Conf.Rm**
 12:00-1:30 Me. Voc. - **Church Kitchen**
 6:00PM Faith Formation- **Center**
 7:00PM Marian Cenacle Prayer Group -
At HC Church

Wednesday March 15
 10-11:30AM Ladies Bible Group- **Library-Ctr.**
 6:30-8:00PM Co-Ed Bible Grp. - **Resource Rm**
 6:30PM RCIA-**Center**
 6:30PM Scouts Mtg. - **Act. Rm. 1**
 7:00PM Rosary- **SJ Church**

Thursday March 16
 9:00AM Quilters- **Center**
 9:00AM Food Cupboard- **Church Hall**
 4:15PM Me. Voc- **S.J. Church Kitchen**
 6:30PM S.J. Choir-**S.J. Church**
 6:30PM Cluster meeting- **Library**
 6:30PM H. C. Choir - **H.C. Church**
 6:30PM AA- **S.J. Center**

Friday March 17
 5:00PM Haddock Supper- **S.J. Church Hall**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



BOOK CLUB: The next book club gathering will be on Thursday, April 6, at 12:30PM at St. John's. All are welcome.

The Book Club recommends:

"The Holy Longing by Ronald Rolheiser"

This is a book for those searching to understand what Christian spirituality means and how to apply it to our lives. Fr. Rolheiser explains the nonnegotiable importance of community worship, the imperatives surrounding social action, the centrality of the Incarnation, the sustenance of the spiritual life and how these impact every aspect of human experience. FMI call 773-8710



PRAY FOR . . .

People in our families, our friends and members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized, or experiencing difficult times have asked for our prayers. During the course of the week, please take a few moments to offer a prayer of healing and strength for: **Lydia Barron, Harold & Betty Janson, Gail Smith, Steve Lesneski, Laura Stevens, Louise Dixon, Elaine Cribby, Michael LaForgia, Gertrude Fraser, Anne Hewlett, Ed & Ann Letourneau, Theresa Chicoine, Eleanor Ward, Rose Clark, Ryan Burton, Ethel Ball, Eugenia Britt, Eleanor Krupski, Francis Branley, Janet Yankowsky, Anne Blake, Margaret Page, Emily Kane, Diana Slowinski, baby Evan Mayone, Rick Lopez, Carolyn Keegan, Laurent (of Lifesong Ministry), Joan Clark, Gordon Welch, Karen Hastings, Brady Wasina, Buddy Cohen, Wayne Carter, Bob Wilson, Robert Belanger, Helen Bernier, Paul Lavangie, Robert Seymour, , Judy King, Julie Melson, Kaye Kane, Al Tirabassi, Tom Mc Donough Ann Marie Conley, Homer Brookes, Catherine Kneeland and Edie Dominicus.**

Retreat WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The Women's Council at St. John's will be sponsoring a **retreat** in the Parish Hall with Fr. Mike Gendreau as the facilitator on **Friday, March 24, 2006**. The retreat will start at 9:30AM with a Mass at 11:30 followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. The retreat will end at 2:30.

The cost of the retreat will be \$10.00. All women from St. John's and Holy Cross are invited as well as family and friends. Watch for registration forms in the Parish Bulletin. All reservations must be in by March 15th. The reservations can be dropped in the collection basket on Sundays or mailed to Women's Council, 29 Aspen Avenue, South Portland, 04106 or by calling Janet Malia @761-4358.



WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The Women's Council at St. John's is soliciting new items or gift certificates to be awarded as prizes for their **Spring Raffle**. If anyone has something they would like to donate, please call Edie Dominicus @774-5006. The items should be in by **March 20th**. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office the raffles will be mailed out by the end of the month.

CLUSTER MEETING

Everyone is invited to attend an open forum with the Cluster 22 Planning Committee on Sunday, March 26 at 1:00 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Scarborough. This forum is an opportunity for you to meet the committee members, ask questions and provide your feedback. FMI call Scott Ewing at 799-3520.

FAITH FORMATION ---CLIP & SAVE **ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN**

CALENDAR REMINDER FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:

BREADMAKING: April 25th Tues. evening 6-7:30PM @ S. J.

OR April 27th Thurs. afternoon 3:15-4:30PM@H.C.

PRACTICE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Monday, May 1st 5:30PM at Holy Cross

Tuesday, May 16 5:30PM at St. John's.

FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

Sunday, May 7th 10:30AM Holy Cross

Sunday, May 21st 9:00AM St. John's

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

There will be a training session of "Protecting God's Children" on March 17, 2006 at 9:30 @St. Anthony's Parish in Westbrook. FMI and registration call 773-8710.

THE FOOD CUPBOARD

We are not sure we mentioned the "Birthday Bags" that Marie Cross's 2nd grade Faith Formation has made for the Cupboard. Each bag has a cake mix, frosting, candles and a card made by the student. The bags are white and decorated beautifully. We only wish the girls and boys see the faces of the visitors who receive these. *They are so very pleased and thankful!* Boys and girls you did a super, special gift for these people and the Cupboard is very thankful for your donations!

Just in time for this past cold snap, Jeannette Lavigne and the South Portland Baha donated knit hats, gloves and scarves. They went quickly! Thank you all!

During February, Hannaford had \$2 and \$5 coupons at the register that benefited the Good Shepherd Food Bank and Wayside Soup Kitchen. Millcreek Hannaford put our name on the bottle return donation box for the month of February so that we could also benefit from "Have a Heart Month". We received over \$800.00! Thank you Hannaford's!

The Food Cupboard needs: Shampoo, Toothpaste, and Bath soap.
THANK YOU!



Thursday, March 16th is St. John's evening at the Wayside Soup Kitchen. The dessert will be cupcakes. It was suggested that maybe our bakers could add a little St. Patrick decoration on the cupcakes.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for the **Annual Holy Cross School Open House, March 30th from 6:30-8:00PM**. Openings Pre-K through 8th grade. Come and see how wonderful Holy Cross School is. FMI call 799-6661.

**CHEVERUS COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONTHLY DINNER**

The Council will be having their monthly dinner on March 21st at 7:00PM. They will be serving the traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner. To make reservations call Ed Powers @799-5227 or Margaret Page @799-7796.



Join us for Coffee, Juice, Donuts & Bagels after the 9:00AM Mass at **St. John's** in the Church Hall. Your host at St. John's will be will be The Faith Formation Commission. Next week your host will be the Eucharistic Ministers. Join the parishioners at **Holy**

Cross for *Hot Chocolate, Donuts, Bagels and Other Special Treats* in the school cafeteria immediately following the 10:30AM Mass



REMEMBER, every Friday night during Lent, the K of C #8144 will be hosting their baked fish dinner at St. John's. Time 5:00-6:00PM. If you haven't been to one of these very popular dinners as of yet, you must try it. Not only is the dinner great but the desserts are awesome!

400 CLUB WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2000

1 ST prize \$200.00 #253	Leroy Rand
2 nd prize \$100.00 #120	John Higgins
3 rd prize \$100.00 #384	William Tracy
4 th prize \$100.00 # 53	Terry Darling
5 th prize \$ 75.00 #230	Kathy Curry
6 th prize \$ 25.00 #364	Tom & Sally Fiorini
7 th prize \$ 25.00 # 37	Paula Ahluwalia
8 th prize \$ 25.00 #201	Roland Adams
9 th prize \$ 25.00 #378	Catherine Broihier
10 th prize \$ 25.00 #157	Elizabeth Honan (For H.C. School)

\$100.00 profit for Holy Cross School

It is not too late to join the 400 club. A year's membership is \$55.00. Please look for the lime green flyer in the back of the church. If you have any questions please call Susan Gillis @ 799-8879.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
CATHEDRAL GUILD HALL**

You are cordially invited to a tradition St. Patrick's Day dinner on Friday, March 17, 2006 at 6:00PM at the Cathedral Guild Hall. Tickets are \$6.00Adults, \$3.00Children and \$20.00 for a family. of five.

In the dioceses of the United States, the Fridays of lent are always days of abstinence from meat. In order to permit the usual celebrations associated with St. Patrick's Day. Bishop Malone is permitting any individual who so desires, to transfer the obligation to abstain from meat from Friday, March 17 to Wednesday, March 15. He is not dispensing from the obligation. He is permitting that it be fulfilled on Wednesday, instead of Friday.

RCIA - Pray for Us

On March 5th we sent our RCIA Candidates to the Bishop for recognition and to celebrate their continuing call to conversion. At the Easter Vigil on April 15th, these candidates will complete their Catholic Christian Initiation. We ask you to include these candidates and their sponsors in your prayers.

The candidates are Eric Knutson and Brian Sargent with their sponsors Barbara Romano and Antoinio Cardillo, respectively. Please join the RCIA team and keep Eric and Brian in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on April 15th. Thank you.

MARCH FUTURE SEARCH MEETING

There will be two Future Search meetings in March: the first on **Research & Development** will be held on **Tuesday, March 14;** the second on **Curriculum** will be held on **Tuesday, March 28th.** The meetings are from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Grade 4 classroom at Holy Cross School. All are welcome!



**SOUPER SUPPER & WITNESS
WEDNESDAY
ST. PIUS X CHURCH**

St. Pius Church, Portland will once again host a **free** inter-faith Lenten series open to the public for four Wednesdays during Lent. **March 15, 22, 29 and April 5.** Each week at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall, various parish committees will serve up a concoction of wonderful hearty soup. Following dinner, at 7:00PM in the church will be an informal program of great music and testimony will be presented by an array of well-known musical guests. FMI call 857-9002.



HOLY CROSS PARISH SCHOOL

The 6th. & kinder grade students and their parents will be putting on a **BRUNCH THIS SUNDAY** after the 10:30AM Mass in the Holy Cross Cafeteria. \$3.00 for Children & Seniors, Adults \$6.00, \$14.00 for a family of four.

Everyone Welcome.



HOLY CROSS PARISH SCHOOL

Holy Cross School Auction is coming up Saturday April 8th. Donations can be dropped off at the school office Monday Thu Friday 799-6661. or after 10:30 mass at the school Cafeteria. You can also purchase tickets after all the Sunday masses, the parish & school offices. \$20.00 each or \$150.00 for a table of 8. If you have any question please call Mrs.Cianchette at 767-1329 or Mrs. Young at 767-4675

MARCH 12, 2006



WISHING
YOU ALL
A
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

